1	UNITED STATE	S DISTRICT COURT
2	WESTERN DISTF	RICT OF WISCONSIN
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4	KARRIE ACKLEY,	Case No.: 22-cv-232
5	on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,)
6		DECLARATION OF JENNIFER MILLS
7	Plaintiff, v.) FOR RUST CONSULTING, INC.
8	MARATHON CHEESE CORPORATION,)
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10	Defendants.)
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I, Jennifer Mills, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a Program Manager for Rust Consulting, Inc. ("Rust"). My business address is 920 2nd Ave S, Suite 400, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. My telephone number is (612) 359-2025. I am over twenty-one years of age and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Rust and myself.
- 2. Rust has extensive experience in class action matters, having provided services in class action settlements involving antitrust, securities fraud, property damage, employment discrimination, employment wage and hour, product liability, insurance and consumer issues. We have provided notification and/or claims administration services in more than 8,500 cases. Of these, over 4,000 were Labor & Employment cases.

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- (collectively the "Parties") to provide notification services in the Karrie Ackley, et al. v. Marathon Cheese Corporation Settlement ("Settlement"). Duties included: a) preparing, printing and mailing of the Notice of Class and Collective Action and Proposed Settlement and Consent to Join Form (collectively known as the "FLSA Class Notice"); b) preparing, printing and mailing of the Notice of Class and Collective Action and Proposed Settlement and Consent to Join Form (collectively known as the "WWPCL and FLSA Class Notice"); c) receiving and reviewing Consent to Join Forms; d) tracking of exclusions and objections; e) drafting and mailing Settlement Award checks; and f) for such other tasks as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders Rust to perform.
- 4. Rust obtained a mailing address of Ackley v Marathon Cheese Corporation, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc. – 8759, P.O. Box 2396, Faribault, Minnesota 55021-9096 to receive Consent to Join Forms, exclusions, objections, undeliverable Class Notices and other communications regarding the Settlement.
- 5. Rust obtained a facsimile number of (248) 733-6466 for receiving communications about the Settlement. The facsimile number was included in the Class Notice.
- Rust obtained an email address of notice@MCCsettlement.com for receiving 6. communications about the Settlement. The email address was included in the Class Notice.
- On or about September 5, 2024, Rust received text for the FLSA Class Notice and 7. WWPCL and FLSA Class Notice from Counsel. A draft of the formatted Class Notices was prepared by Rust and approved by the Parties. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the final Class Notices.
- 8. On or about September 6, 2024, Counsel for the Defendants provided Rust with a mailing list containing Class Member's names, last known addresses, Social Security Numbers and applicable employment information ("Class List"). The Class List contained data for 4,106 potential Class Members.
- 9. The mailing addresses contained in the Class List were processed and updated utilizing the National Change of Address Database ("NCOA") maintained by the U.S. Postal

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Service. The NCOA contains requested changes of address filed with the U.S. Postal Service. In the event that any individual had filed a U.S. Postal Service change of address request, the address listed with the NCOA would be utilized in connection with the mailing of the Class Notice.

- 10. On September 16, 2024, 19 CAFA Notices were mailed via USPS Priority mail to Attorneys General in the States of CA, CT, FL, GA, ID, KS, MI, MN, NE, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Three (3) CAFA Notices were sent via email for the States of IL, ND and NY per Attorney General request. On November 26, 2024, one (1) CAFA Notice was sent to the U.S. Attorney General.
- 11. On September 20, 2024, FLSA Class Notices were mailed to 1,536 FLSA Class Members, and WWPCL and FLSA Class Notices were mailed to 2,570 WWPCL and FLSA Class Members contained in the Class List via First Class mail. Both Class Notices advised Class Members that they could submit a Consent to Join Form to be included in the FLSA Class or an objection, postmarked by November 4, 2024. In addition, the WWPCL and FLSA Class Notice advised that Class Members could submit an exclusion from the WWPCL class postmarked by November 4, 2024.
- 12. Rust performed 337 address traces on Class Notices returned as undeliverable for the first time as of November 4, 2024. The address trace utilizes the Class Member's name, previous address and Social Security Number for locating a current address. Of the 337 traces performed, 268 more current addresses were obtained and Class Notices were promptly re-mailed to those Class Members via First Class mail. Of the 337 traces performed, Rust did not obtain updated addresses for 69 undeliverable Class Notices. Of the 268 Class Notices mailed to a more current address identified from trace, 56 Class Notices were returned to Rust as undeliverable a second time. As of this date, 125 Class Notices remain undeliverable.
- 13. As of this date, eight (8) Class Notices were returned by the Post Office with forwarding addresses attached as of November 4, 2024. Rust promptly re-mailed Class Notices to those Class Members via First Class mail.
 - 14. As of this date, Rust received 704 Consent to Join Forms.

1		i. Of the 704 Consent to Join Forms received, 490 were received from those
2		included in the WWPCL and FLSA Class, and 214 were received from
3		those included in the FLSA Class. Of the 704 Consent to Join Forms
4		received, 671 were submitted with a postmark on or before November 4,
5		2024.
6		ii. Of the 704 Consent to Join Forms received, 33 were submitted with a
7		postmark after November 4, 2024. Of the Claim Forms received after
8		November 4, 2024, 33 were accepted by the Parties.
9	15.	As of this date, Rust received ten (10) exclusions with a postmark on or before
10	November 4,	2024.
11	16.	As of this date, Rust received zero (0) objections.
12	17.	The total cost for the administration of this Settlement, including fees incurred and
13	future costs fe	or completion of the administration is estimated to be \$25,505.00.
14	18.	I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of
15	my knowledg	ge and that this Declaration was executed this 4 th day of December 2024, at
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Exhibit A

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Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), I hereby consent to make a claim against Marathon Cheese Corporation (simply "MCC") for overtime wages owed and/or for any other claim for wages brought in this action against MCC. I hereby authorize the filing and prosecution of this Fair Labor Standards Act action in my name and on my behalf and designate Karrie Ackley as class representative to make decisions on my behalf concerning this litigation, the method and manner of conducting this litigation, the entering of an agreement with Class Counsel concerning attorneys' fees and costs, and all other matters pertaining to this Lawsuit.

Signature:	Date Signed: _	/	′	_/	
PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING FIELDS CLEARLY					
Name (First, Middle, Last):					
Street/P.O. Box:					
City:	State:	Zip:			

RETURN THIS FORM BY NOVEMBER 29, 2024 TO:

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NOTICE OF CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

If you worked as an hourly-paid production employee for Marathon Cheese Corporation between April 26, 2019, and April 26, 2022, you may be entitled to benefits under this settlement.

THIS NOTICE AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. A Federal Court has authorized this Notice.

- Karrie Ackley (the "Named Plaintiff") sued Marathon Cheese Corporation ("MCC") in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and Wisconsin Wage Payment and Collection Laws ("WWPCL"), captioned Karrie Ackley v. Marathon Cheese Corporation, Case No. 22-cv-00232 (the "Lawsuit").
- In the Lawsuit, Named Plaintiff alleged on behalf of herself and others similarly situated that MCC violated the FLSA and WWPCL by rounding time clock punches to the detriment of employees and failing to pay employees for time spent donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) protective gear.
- MCC denied the allegations but, to avoid the costs, delays, and risks of time-consuming litigation, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Agreement") with the Named Plaintiff. The Agreement is a compromise.
- For settlement purposes, the Court certified the Lawsuit as a collective action and class action as follows:
 - <u>FLSA Collective</u>: All individuals who worked as hourly-paid production employees at MCC between April 26, 2019, and April 26, 2022, as identified in Exhibit A to the Agreement.
 - WWPCL Class: All individuals who worked as hourly-paid production employees at MCC in Wisconsin between April 26, 2020, and April 26, 2022, as identified in Exhibit A to the Agreement.
- YOUARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE MCC'S RECORDS IDENTIFYYOU AS A POTENTIAL MEMBER OF THE FLSA COLLECTIVE. BECAUSE YOU ARE/WERE NOT EMPLOYED BY MCC IN WISCONSIN, YOUARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WWPCL CLASS. ACCORDINGLY, THE ONLY WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAWSUIT AND POTENTIALLY RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE MONIES SET ASIDE TO RESOLVE THIS LAWSUIT IS TO TAKE ACTION NOW.
- While the Court has not made a final determination on the outcome of the Lawsuit, it has preliminarily approved the Agreement and authorized this Notice.
- This Notice is to inform you about the status of the Lawsuit, including your potential right to receive a share of the monies set aside by MCC to resolve the Lawsuit (the "Settlement Fund").

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YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT			
	If you wish to participate in the FLSA Collective and potentially receive a share of the monies set aside by MCC to resolve the Lawsuit, you must sign and date the enclosed "Consent to Join" form and return it to the Settlement Administrator at:		
Participate in the FLSA Collective	Ackley v Marathon Cheese Corporation c/o Rust Consulting, Inc 8759 PO Box 2396 Faribault, MN 55021-9096 Email: notice@MCCsettlement.com Fax: (248) 733-6466		
	by November 29, 2024. If you participate in the FLSA Collective, you will receive at least \$< <flsa award="">>.</flsa>		
	Participation in the FLSA Collective will release all federal wage and hour claims (including claims under the FLSA) relating to or arising from the facts and claims alleged in the Lawsuit.		

(If you choose to participate in the FLSA Collective, you may object to the terms of the Agreement. You must file any objection to the Settlement with the Western District of Wisconsin Clerk of Court, 120 North Henry Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, on or before November 29, 2024 .
	Object	The objection must state: (i) your full name, address, and telephone number; (ii) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, including any legal support for the objection; (iii) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based; (iv) a list of all persons who will be called to testify in support of the objection; and (v) a statement whether you intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing. If you intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing through counsel, the objection must also state the identity of all attorneys representing you who will appear at the Fairness Hearing. You will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees and costs.
		If you do not timely file your objection in this manner, you will be deemed to have waived all objections and shall not be heard or have the right to appeal approval of the Agreement.
	Do Nothing	If you qualify as a member of the FLSA Collective, but you take no further action, you will not be a member of the FLSA Collective, you will not receive an FLSA settlement payment, and you will not be bound by the Agreement.

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Payments to Participants

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2. Class Counsel

The Court appointed the following lawyers as Class Counsel to represent the FLSA Collective and WWPCL Class:

Attorney James Walcheske Walcheske & Luzi, LLC 235 N. Executive Drive, Suite 240 Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005 Telephone: (262) 780-1953 Email: classaction@walcheskeluzi.com

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3. Fairness Hearing

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4. Further Information

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Signature:	Date Signed: _	/	′	_/	
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Name (First, Middle, Last):					
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Class	Your participation in the WWPCL Class will release all state law wage and hour claims (including claims under the WWPCL) relating to or arising from the facts and claims alleged in the Lawsuit.		
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the WWPCL Class	by November 4, 2024.		
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NO INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT